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1. JEFF SMITH, MANAGER, THOMAS COOK TRAVEL AGENCY (CABLE ADDRESS THOMSCOOK BAGHDAD) HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR YOU AT DAR-AL-SALAM HOTEL FOR APRIL 8 - 10. SMITH MUST, HOWEVER, RECEIVE FORFEITABLE 34 DOLLAR DEPOSIT FROM YOU AGAINST NO SHOW BY MARCH 20 IN ORDER HOLD RESERVATIONS. PLEASE CABLE FUNDS TO HIM ASAP.

2. WE ARE PUZZLED BY SHORT PERIOD BEING SPENT IN IRAQ. THERE APPEARS TO BE ALMOST NO TIME FOR EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION WITH EITHER GOI OR USINT SINCE ALL OFFICES (BOTH GOI AND USINT) ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY AND YOUR 1330 HRS DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY APRIL TENTH MEANS YOU MUST LEAVE FOR AIRPORT BY 1130 AND HENCE CAN MAKE MAXIMUM OF TWO CALLS THAT DAY. IF VISIT IS DESIGNED TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR PROPOSED
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SOYBEAN MEAL SEMINAR IN BAGHDAD IN JUNE 1976 (REF A),

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SPEND UP TO FOUR WORKING DAYS IN
BAGHDAD.

3. FYI: USINT CONTINUES TO PROBE FOR SUPPORT AND POSSIBLE
GOI SPONSORSHIP OF SEMINAR AND RESPONSES ARE INCREASINGLY
POSITIVE. IF SEMINAR IS TO BE FIRMED UP, YOUR APRIL 8 VISIT
IS LATEST REASONABLE TIME TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS. ADVISE.
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